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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: : Date: April 14, 2000  
David M. Creighton, et al. :  
Serial No. 09/083,298 : Group Art Unit: 3729  
Filed: May 22, 1998 :  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR : Examiner: M. Trinh  
INTERCONNECTING CIRCUIT :  
BOARDS IN A STACK :  
CONFIGURATION :  
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**AMENDMENT A**

Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2000, please amend the above-identified Application as follows and consider the accompanying remarks:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Sub B*  
Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An assembly for providing electrical connection between first and second substrates aligned in a stacked configuration, said assembly comprising:

a conductor assembly having at least one elongate conductor adapted to engage a first electrical contact on said first substrate on one end and a second electrical contact on said second substrate on a second end thereof, said conductor having a three-bend hook shape at each end thereof [being adapted] to provide a spring force on each end thereof and

means for retaining said conductor in abutting contact with at least one of said first or second contacts and thereby effect an electrical connection between